ever was under the Weimar Republic.'[8] A debate between the Dean and the Major on what constituted 'real Christianity* would have been illuminating, but was not arranged. Corresponding to the ladies who had met Russians whose eyes glowed proudly when Stalin's name was mentioned, were other ladies who had met Germans whose eyes similarly glowed when Hitler's name was mentioned. 1 don't exaggerate/ Miss Enid Bagnold wrote, 'when I say I have seen business men blink with something like tears when they speak of the Fiihrer/ Against Lord Passfield reverent in Moscow, might be set Lord Rothermere reverent in Munich; Lord for Lord, they cancelled out. Whether the thought of Hitler made Lord Rothermere blink with something like tears, he has not divulged, but even in 1939 he considered him 'a very great gentleman'.[9] Later, Hitler fell in his esteem to become 'the Mystic of Berchtesgaden', and even lower. Stalin suffered a similar eclipse in the estimation of many of his foreign admirers, though not even Mr. Shaw, who continued to venerate him, ventured to describe him as the Mystic of the Kremlin.

Round Hitler a spiritual as well as a physical combat raged. Whatever he did, however often he shifted his ground and broke his promises, he held the world's attention. The spell was not broken—like a lover, constantly unfaithful, yet ever taken back, in one passionate caress unity re-established and separation forgotten. He was the very *Zeitgeist,* its light shining in his eyes, its words on his lips—the little man dreaming of greatness, romantic heart belied by shabby face, china-blue eyes and small moustache

claiming their part in the majestic scheme of things; magic casement cloth, and new, unhappy, present things and battles soon to be.

Every road led to him, and ended in him. He was the Shape of Things to Come, now come. Progress he brought and votes, all imaginable blessings. Each unrealised self could find realisation in him, none frustrated, self-expression available for all, instead of only in co-educational schools, University Extension classes,

[8] See *European Jungle.* [9] See *Warnings and Predictions.*